



Arlington Center Safe Travel Project

Construction Kick-off Public Information Meeting

March 23, 2016

Arlington Town Hall Auditorium, 730 Mass Ave

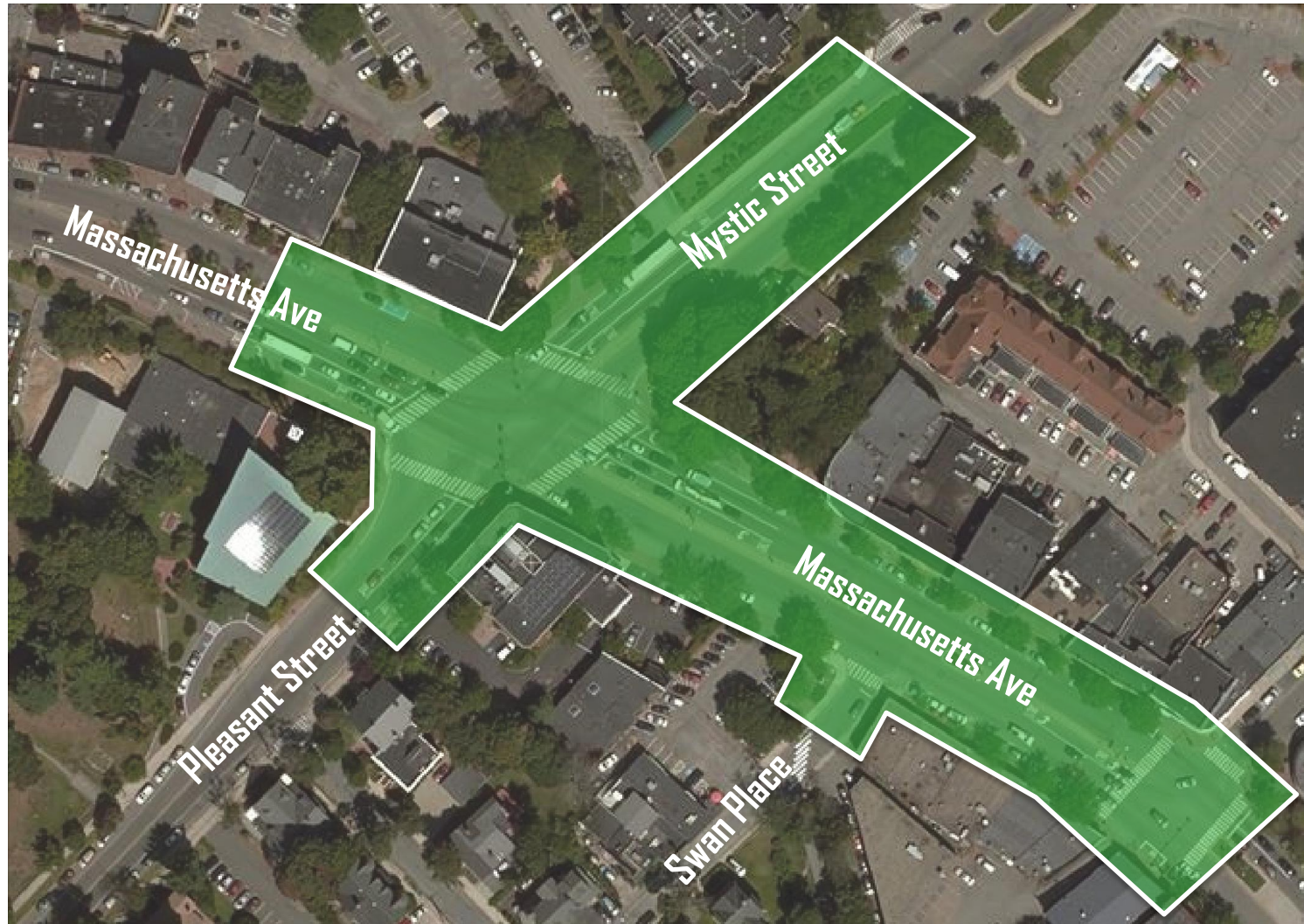
7:00 – 9:00 PM

Agenda

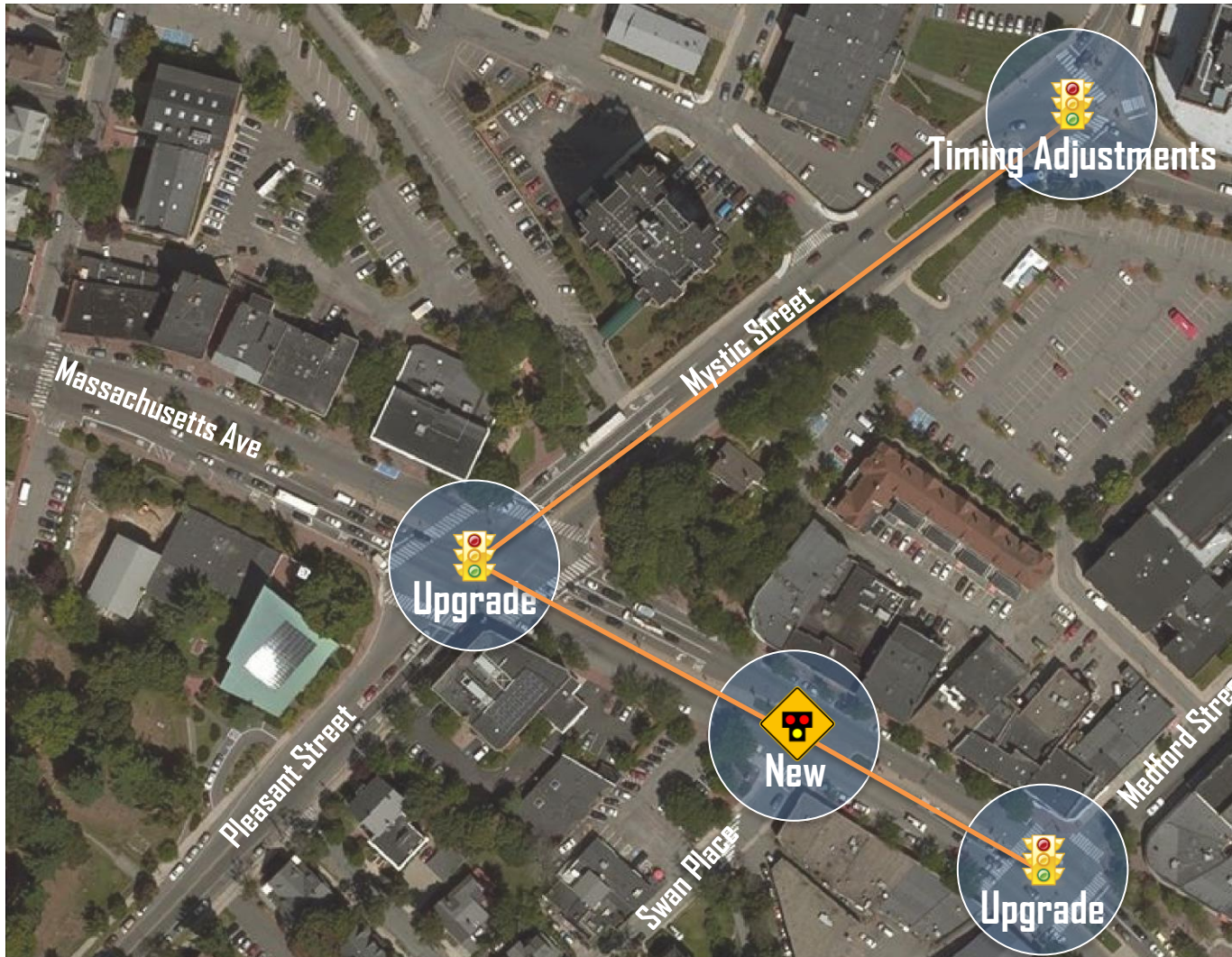
- Welcome & Introductions
- Project Overview
 - Limits of work
 - Project goals
 - What to expect during construction
 - Anticipated timeline
 - The view ahead
- Public Involvement
- Question & Answer



Project Area: Focus on Arlington Center



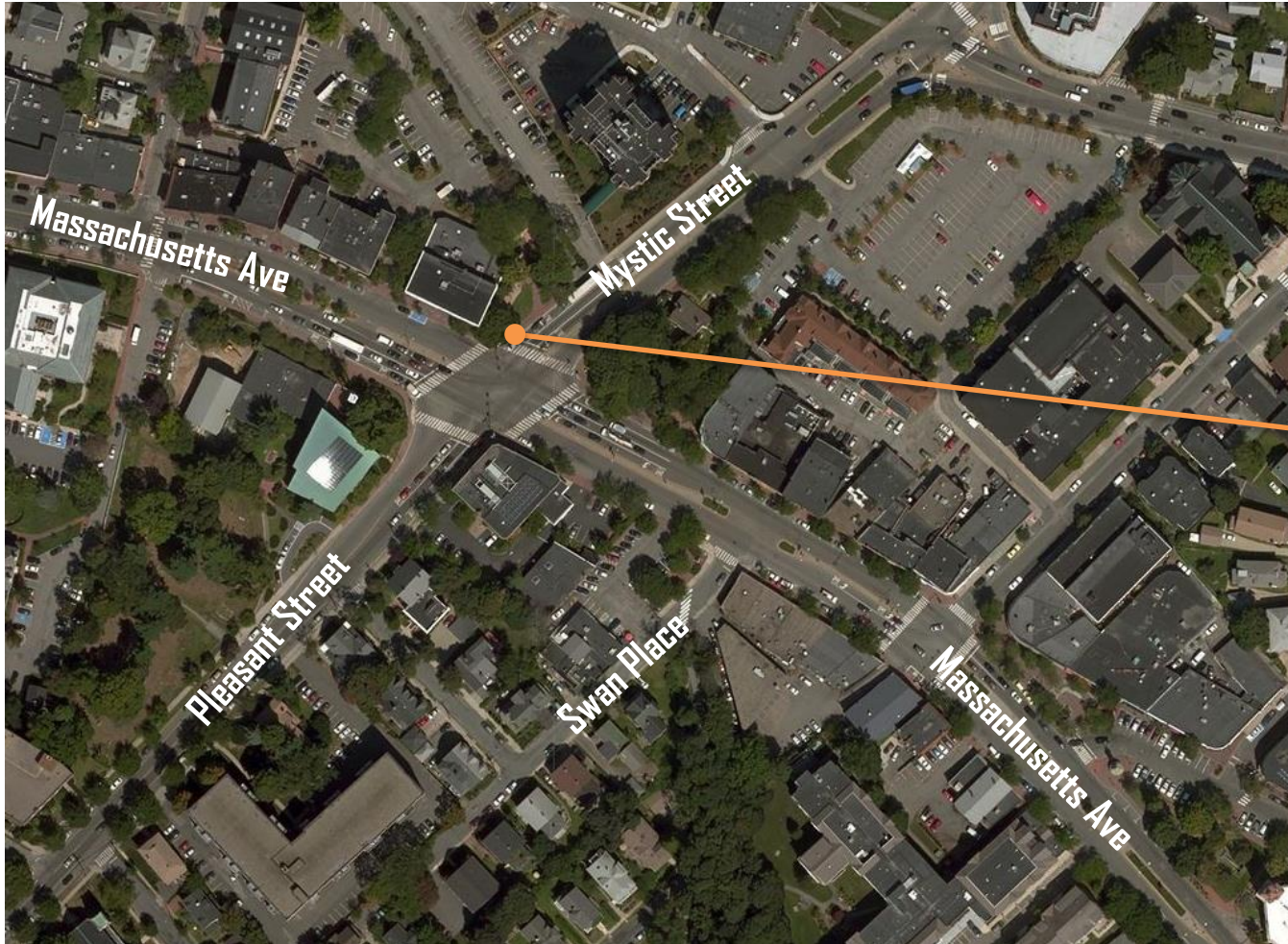
Project Area: Signal Coordination



Project Goals

- Improve safety and mobility for all modes:
 - Pedestrians
 - Bicycles
 - Vehicles
 - Transit
- Provide a safe connection for the Minuteman Bikeway through Arlington Center
- Upgrade existing infrastructure:
 - Roads
 - Signals
 - Curb ramps – ADA Compliant

Bicycle Signals

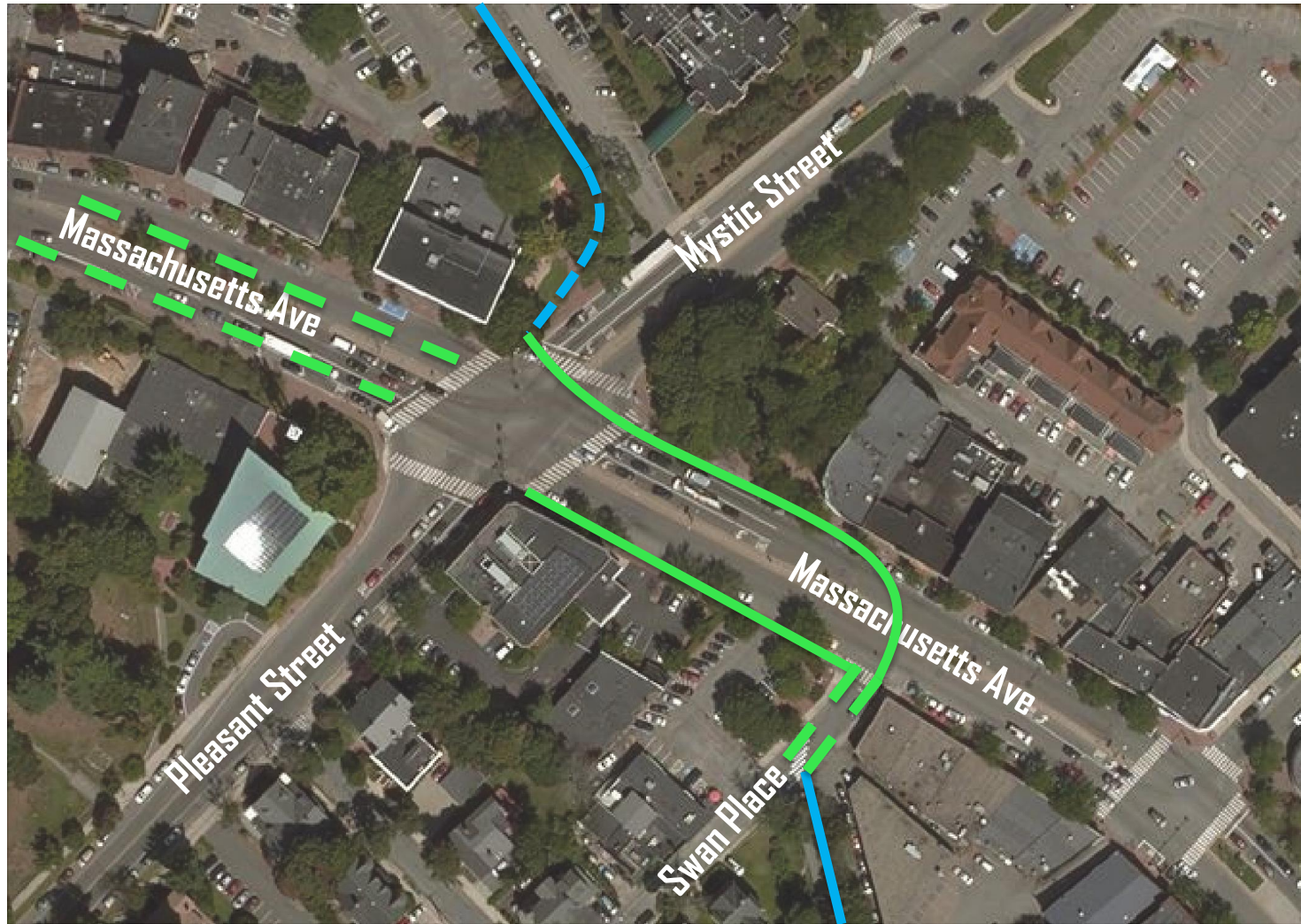


Bicycle Lanes on Massachusetts Avenue



Bicycle Facilities

- Sharrows
- Minuteman Bikeway
- Bike Lanes
- Realigned Minuteman



Mass Ave – Looking West towards Arlington Center



Mass Ave – Looking East towards Arlington Center



Pleasant Street – Looking north towards Arlington Center

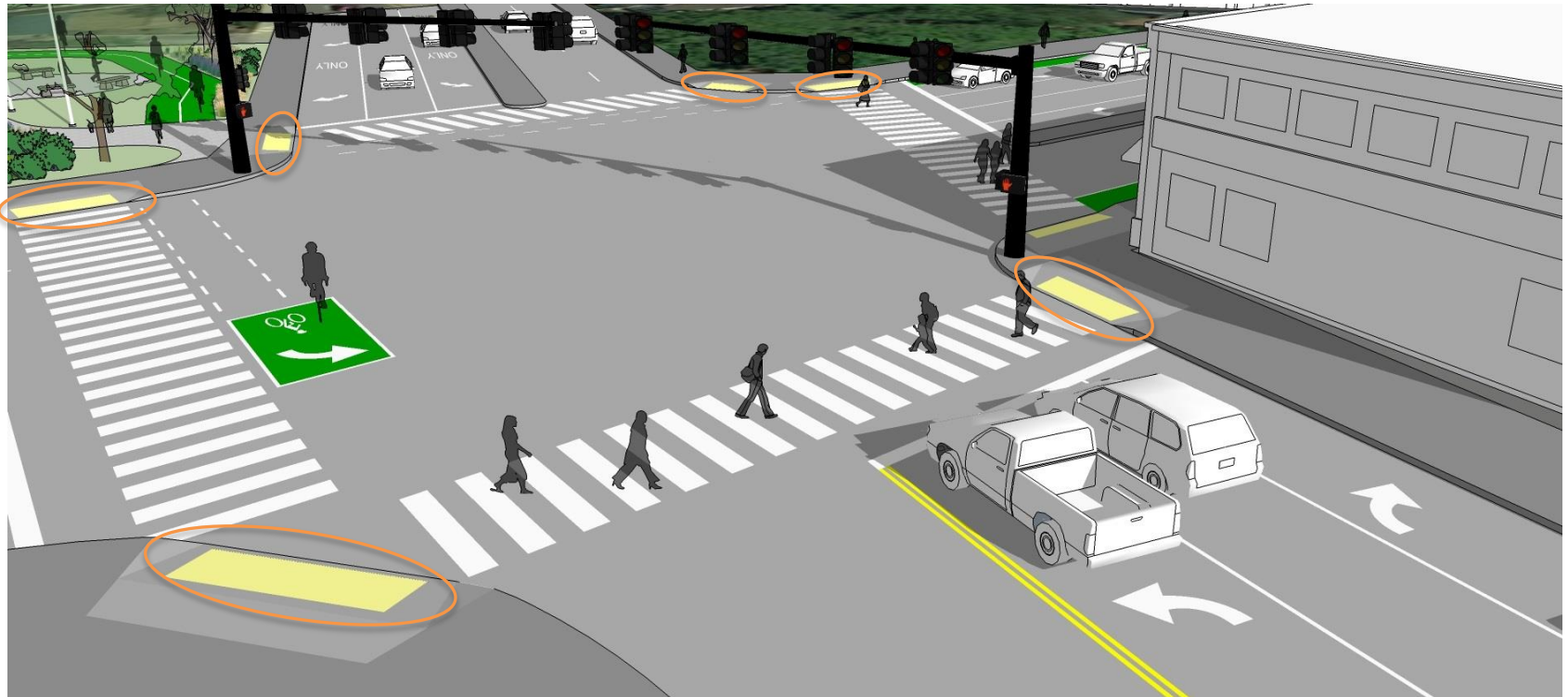


Mystic Street – Looking South Towards Arlington Center



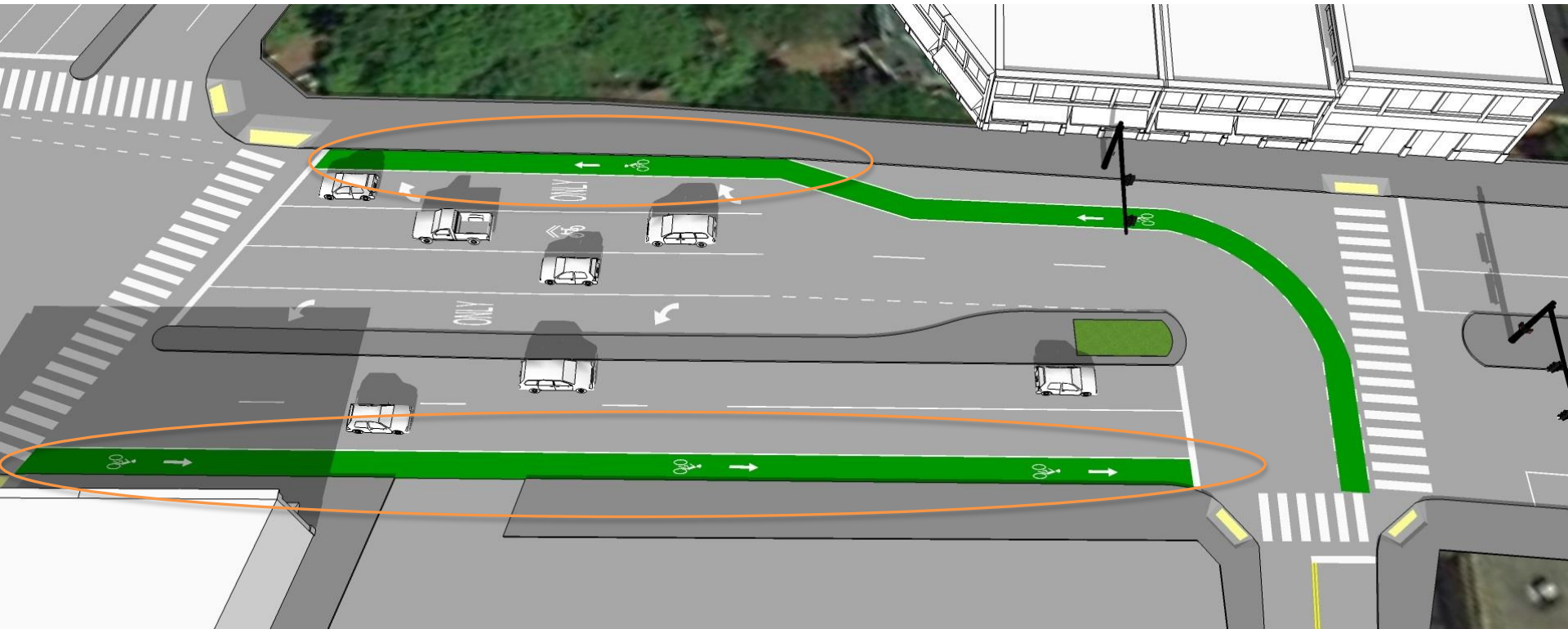
Pedestrians Safety

- A major goal of this project:
 - Reduction in cross section and bump-outs to shorten crossing distance
 - New signals and signage – Audible tone/countdown
 - ADA accessible and compliant ramps



Bicycle Accommodations

- A major goal of this project:
 - Provide a safe connection to the Minuteman Bikeway through Arlington Center



Purpose of Improvements

- Pedestrians
 - Shorter crossing distances and times
 - Fewer conflicts with cyclists on sidewalk on Massachusetts Avenue and Mystic Street
 - New accessible ramps at all corners
- Bicycles
 - Fewer conflicts with pedestrians on Massachusetts Avenue and Mystic Street sidewalks
 - Clearer connection between ends of Minuteman Bikeway
- Vehicles
 - Less delay through coordinated signal timing
 - Extended queuing space for Mystic Street left-turn

Early Action Items

Signage



Tree Protection



What to Expect – During Construction

- Massachusetts Avenue and all side streets will remain open during all peak hours
- A 48 hour advance notice will be provided to any abutting properties that require reconstruction work to sidewalks
- MassDOT Resident Engineer (RE) will be onsite at all times to oversee construction
- Bus stop locations may temporarily move and will be coordinated between the contractor and the MBTA.

Project Timeline

- Construction start date:
 - First week of April, 2016
- Anticipated construction duration:
 - One construction season (Approx. November)

Frequently Asked Questions

- Will there be night time work associated with the job?
 - If an opportunity presents itself which will better the project and the abutting area, night time work may occur. Abutters will be notified well in advance of any nighttime construction. For organizations or individuals interested in receiving outreach notifications, we encourage you to sign-up for the project's stakeholder database.
- Will there be weekend work associated with the job?
 - If a specific task is better suited to take place during the weekend, a decision will be made by the Town of Arlington and the contractor. The Town of Arlington is well aware of the high volumes of bicycle users through Arlington Center on the weekends and will take this into account.

Frequently Asked Questions

- Are there anticipated traffic diversions during construction?
 - No traffic diversions are anticipated for the job. If a traffic diversion is required, it will be coordinated between the Arlington Police Department and the contractor.
- Will large trucks or buses intrude into the bike lanes when making turns?
 - No. Howard Stein Hudson has tested and modeled WB-50 (standard tractor trailer) turning radii to ensure trucks or buses will not intrude into the bike lanes when turning.

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- Where will contractor vehicles park?
 - Contractor vehicles will have minimal laydown space (approx. 4-6) in municipal parking lots adjacent to the work zone. Contractor vehicles may be left in these designated parking spaces over night.

Public Involvement

- Please sign-up for Arlington 3 week look-ahead email notifications:
www.arlingtonma.gov/emailssubscription

- For questions and comments:

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